

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing an optical recording medium containing an organic solvent in an organic dye layer in an amount of 2 to 15% by weight based on an organic dye, wherein the content of the organic dye is 87.0 to 98.0 % by weight based on the total amount of the organic dye and the organic solvent in the organic dye layer,

the process comprising applying a solution, prepared by dissolving the organic dye in the organic solvent, onto a light-transmittable substrate by a spin coating method to form the organic dye layer, thereafter forming a reflecting layer on the organic dye layer without performing a drying treatment of the organic solvent left in the organic dye layer and further forming a protective layer on the reflecting layer,

wherein the spin coating is performed at a rotating speed of 3500 rpm or more in the formation of the organic dye layer, and

wherein said organic solvent is at least one member selected from the group consisting of 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-propanol, 2-ethoxyethanol and diacetone alcohol.

2. (canceled)

3. (Currently amended) An optical recording medium having an organic dye layer, a reflecting layer and a protective layer in this order on a light-transmittable substrate, the optical recording medium containing an organic solvent in the organic dye layer in an amount of 2 to 15% by weight based on an organic dye,

wherein the content of the organic dye is 87.0 to 98.0 % by weight based on the total amount of the organic dye and the organic solvent in the organic dye layer, and

wherein said organic solvent is at least one member selected from the group consisting of 2,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-propanol, 2-ethoxyethanol and diacetone alcohol.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)